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SHARLETTA RICHARDSON APPOINTED TO THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO COMMISSION FOR ARTS AND CULTURE

San Diego, CA... Sharletta Richardson, appointed by Mayor Jerry Sanders to the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture (Commission), will begin her service on November 21, 2008, at a regularly scheduled Commission meeting.

Richardson has more than 36 years experience in the fields of music, education and performing arts. Her career in teaching music began in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1972, and she has since that time impacted the lives of thousands of students through her outstanding teaching skills and expertise. Richardson has taught courses at Gompers School at the secondary, middle and high school levels from 1978 - 2007. She currently teaches choir and piano at Lincoln High School's Center for the Arts. Richardson is also an acclaimed master class flute soloist and has performed in and directed numerous instrumental and choir performances.

She has received many honors including the U.S. President's Volunteers of America, Japan Fulbright Memorial Teachers, Job Corp Performing Arts Volunteer, San Diego Urban League Educators and San Diego City Schools' Instrumental Teacher and Secondary Teacher of the Year awards. Due to Richardson's many contributions to the San Diego community, KPBS and Union Bank of California honored her with the 2008 Black History Month Local Hero Award in Education.

Richardson received a Master of Music degree in Music Education from the University of Cincinnati Conservatory of Music and a Bachelor of Science degree in Public School Music from Virginia State University. Richardson was nominated to the Commission by City Councilmember Tony Young.

The mission of the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture is to vitalize the city by integrating arts and culture into community life while supporting the region's cultural assets and showcasing San Diego as an international cultural destination.

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